(d) and (e) 15 estimates amounting to Rs. 77.83 crores were received during the current financial year under Annual Plan 2005-06. Out of these 4 estimates for Rs. 19.21 crores have been sanctioned and the balance are considered for their technical adequacy subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority of works. The State Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal for declaration of seventeen State roads as National Highways. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

Amount under CRF for Madhya Pradesh

†3254. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have urged Central Government to increase the annual amount being provided under Central Road Fund from Rs. 55.60 crores to Rs. 100 crores per annum;

(b) the consideration that is being made over the said demand of the State Government; and

(c) by when the said demand of the State is likely to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) and (c) A request for increase in the allocations for the State roads from the Central Road Fund (CRF) to Rs. 120 crore per year was received from the State. The Fund earmarked to the States from CRF for the State roads is on the basis of the decided formula for distribution of the total allocation as made available to this Ministry. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been informed about it. However the Annual allocation for the State roads from the CRF of Madhya Pradesh has increased from Rs. 52.01 crore for 2004-05 to Rs. 93.03 crore for the current year, due to increased allocation as made available to this Ministry.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.